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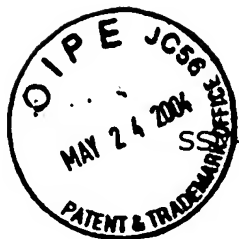
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References DE 21 59 650 B2, DE 44 14 215 A1, and DE 299 07 964 U1 are not in the English language, but an English translation of the most relevant portions thereof is attached to the copy of the reference submitted herewith.

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Respectfully submitted,



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